

Upham School Newsletter

9 May 2025

Mon 12 – Fri 16 May – Year 6 SATs Week

Mon 12 -Thurs 15 May – Years 5 & 6 can join some physical activity before school, dance focus

Mon 26- Fri 30 - May Half Term

Mon 2 June – INSET Closure Day

Tues 3 June – First day back of Summer II



INSET Days for 24/25:

- Mon 2 Sept
- Fri 25 Oct
- Mon 6 Jan 25
- Mon 24 Feb 25
- Mon 2 June 25

Communication this week:

Fri – Email to all re Attendance update info for Spring Term
 Fri – Email Letter to Year 6 parents re SATs arrangements and before school activity

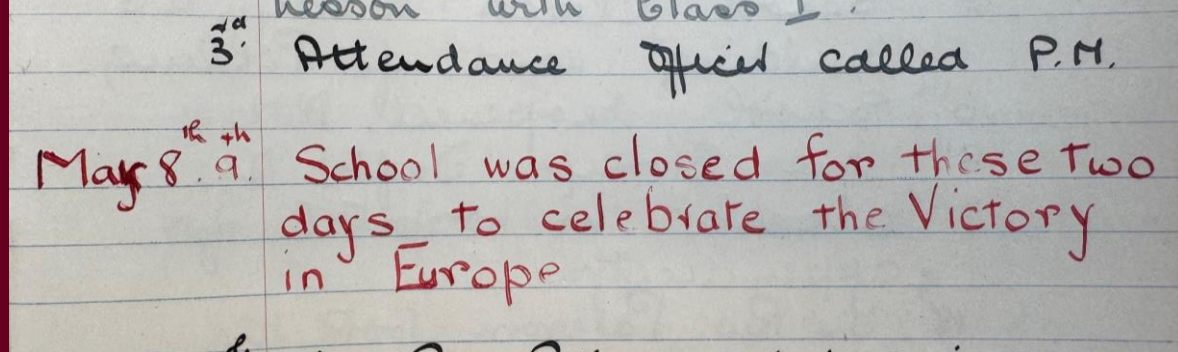


Photo: Extract from the school log book, 8 May 1945

A few words from the headteacher...

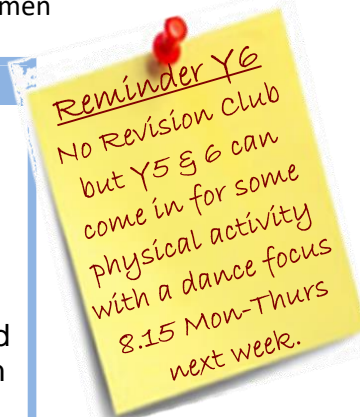
We held a whole school worship yesterday to mark VE Day. We talked about why VE day was such an important moment and how every family in Britain would have felt a mixture of relief and happiness that it was over but sadness for those family who would not be coming home. We watched some short old film reels of London celebrations – of course this feels like ancient history for the children in their short lives but it's so important that they, and indeed we, recognise what that generation did to ensure the freedoms we enjoy. Esther (Y5) & Felicity (Y6) wrote this lovely prayer (right) which, I think, says everything.

Our school survived the war too and our own history records the experience of VE. We have in school log books that headteachers from the past used to fill in, one of these covers the war years. I showed the children the entry pictured above for VE day that simply explains the school was closed in celebration!

Dear Heavenly Father,
 Thank you for the peace we have today and we will cherish it forever. Please look after those who fought in the war for our sake. We will remember them and never forget their good deeds.

We hope that in the future, this will never happen again and we will live in peace and harmony. We feel sorry for those people who lost special ones in the war and gave up their lives.

We hope that we can live a happy life and have a good routine in the world together. Amen



Sports News

On Tuesday, boys and girls from Badger Class (Yr5&6) took part in an athletics tournament. They each completed individual activities and their overall scores were added together. There were lots of other schools there and I haven't yet received the scores – some amazing individual performances in some of the events though. Thanks to Miss Leech for taking the children and for organising. Thanks also to everyone who helped with transport.

SATs Week

Next week is SATs week for Year 6. They are all well prepared and know what they have to do so will take things in their stride. As these are formal exams, they have to take place in the hall and our other spaces – the staff room and library are also in use. This means every other class has to be considerate and will work nice and quietly so they don't disturb Year 6. If you arrive late, your child won't be able to get from the office to class via the hall, we would have to escort them via the playground gate.

Year 5 and 6 Using the Rec

SATs week will be over in the blink of an eye and Year 6 should be left with a feeling that they did their best and that's all anyone can ask. As a little acknowledgement of this effort, all of Badger Class (ie Yr 5&6) will be popping up to the Rec – to play some rounders/ games and have fun. They are hoping to go on Monday 19th rather than the end of next week as it will fit better. Something nice to start the next week with!

